(a) the length and details of National Highways in Assam which require repairs;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the repair of National Highways during last two years in Assam; and

(c) the amount released so far to repair the National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are thirteen National Highways *viz* National Highway Nos. 31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52, 53 and 54 with a total length of 2296 Km. in Assam. Maintenance and repairs are continuous activity and are required on the entire National Highway system.

(b) and (c) The details of amount for maintenance and repairs sanctioned/released for Assam during the last two years are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1018.09
1992-93	1039.62

Passes Issued By D.T.C.

1297. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether buses with blue and cream colours in Delhi were under D.T.C. operation some time back;

(b) if so, the number of such buses and the date on which these have been put under STA permits;

(c) whether this situation has affected issuance of passes of different categories by D.T.C.;

(d) whether Government are aware that such situation has increased the plight of pass holders; and

(e) if so, details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the fleet of D.T.C. to overcome the grievances of pass holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 578 such buses whose contracts were terminated by DTC w.e.f. 31-5-93 have been granted permits by STA, Delhi from 1-6-1993 to 20-7-1993.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) DTC has introduced a new category of general all route pass @Rs. 220/- p.m. and student pass @Rs. 55/- p.m. enabling the pass holders to travel in all city services of DTC including Limited Bus Stop and Green Line services but excluding Palam Coach, Tourist and Inter-State services of DTC. Meanwhile, STA, Delhi has directed these private buses to honour monthly and students passes issued by DTC.

At present, there is no proposal to increase the fleet of DTC.

National Highways Damaged in Punjab and Haryana Due to Flood

1298. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways falling in Haryana and Punjab are badly damaged by recent floods in those States;

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage; and

(c) steps taken by Government to get them repaired immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Full details of damages and estimates for restoration are awaited from the States. In the meantime an *ad hoc* release of Rs. 50 lakhs for Punjab and Rs. 20 lakhs for Haryana towards flood damages on National Highways have been made.

Construction of Bridges In Assam

1299. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of bridges which were to be constructed in Assam during 1992-93, district-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects and the amount spent so far;

(c) the details of the projects completed and lying incomplete;

(d) by when these are likely to be